Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method for detecting an attempt at manipulatory intervention in a smart card, which comprises the steps of:

using various sensors for detecting abnormal operating states;

sensing an occurrence of an abnormal operating state by some of the sensors; and

~~activating the sensors with a relatively high degree of sensitivity relative to an overall sensitivity of the sensors as a group~~ after the abnormal operating state has been sensed, at least one of:

successively switching the sensors into a higher sensitization state, or

successively activating more sensitive sensors.

Claim 2 (currently amended). The method according to claim 1, which comprises providing the sensors with different degrees of sensitivity ~~and successively more sensitive sensors are activated after the abnormal operating state has been sensed~~.

Claim 3 (currently amended). The method according to claim 1, which comprises providing the sensors with sensitivities which can be set at different degrees~~, and the sensors which are used are successively switched to a higher sensitization state after the abnormal operating state has been sensed~~.